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Re: Application No: 09/574,437
Filing Date: May 20, 2000
Applicant(s): Barbara A. Fox, et al.
Entitled: **DECOUPLING PROCESSES FROM HARDWARE WITH LOGICAL IDENTIFIERS**
Atty Docket No: 102689-7/00-U0005

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 6, 10, and 11, cancel claims 5, 7 and 17-19 and add new claims 21-55.

1. (Amended) A computer system, comprising:

a plurality of hardware resources;

a plurality of logical resources;

a plurality of functional processes;

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